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FOLLOWING TELEGRAM RECEIVED FROM AMERICAN CONSULATE MADRAS
INDIA 22 APRIL 1974. QUOTE:

DISTRESSED YOUR LETTER TO LEARN MY TEASING ABOUT ACCIDENT
MISUNDERSTOOD AND POSSIBLE CAUSE UNNECESSARY FRICTION WITH
RELATIVES. UNFORTUNATELY RELAYED GRAYDONS REMARKS INCOMPLETELY
TO YOU AND IN DIFFERENT CONTEXT THAN THEY WERE WRITTEN TO ME.
REGARDING NITA: REMARK HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH BLAME AND WAS
MERELY COMPLIMENTARY OBSERVATION THAT THE LITTLE NITA I WOULD
REMEMBER HAS NOW BECOME HEALTHY STRAPPING YOUNG LADY WHO
FORMIDABLE PERSON TO PLAY WITH. HE ABSOLUTELY DID NOT RPT NOT
BLAME HER FOR ANYTHING, BUT THOUGHT YOU HAD BEEN PLAYING TOGETHER
WITH ACCIDENT RESULTING. MY REMARK SIMILAR IN TONE TO FUN
WE ALL POKED AT PETIE AFTER BICYCLE MISHAP. SECOND POINT
ALSO NOT ABOUT YOU. INSTEAD WAS THAT AFTER FIFTY YEARS OF
CLARENCE BEING OBJECT OTHER PEOPLES JOKES ABOUT DRINKING AND
HAVING ACCIDENTS GRAYDON PROUD OF HIM THAT HE FINALLY FREE
OF PROBLEM AND ABLE JOKE UNSELFCONSCIOUSLY. DID NOT RPT NOT
SUGGEST TO ME YOU TIPSY. SUGGESTION WAS MINE AND MERELY TEASING
OF KIND OFTEN HEARD WHEN PEOPLE HAVE NEW YEARS ACCIDENTS.
THEREFORE NO MALICE FROM GRAYDON OR ME INVOLVED. APOLOGIZE
MISLEADING YOU AND YOUR "DEFENSE" UNNECESSARY. HOPE THIS CLARIFIES
SITUATION AS WE HOPING FOR GOOD VACATION WITH ALL WITHOUT RANCOR.
PLANNING LEAVE HERE ABOUT 3 JUNE WITH GOOD CHANCE EXTRA LEAVE
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TIME. ALL IN GOOD HEALTH. LEE CONTEMPLATING POSSIBILITY

REMAINING EXTRA TIME WITH YOU IN AUGUST IF OKAY. UNQUOTE

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